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**HARFORD COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON AS FELON IN
POSSESSION OF A GUN**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Timothy Fisher, age 34, of Belcamp, Maryland was sentenced today to 13 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the statement of facts presented at his guilty plea on August 9, 2005, the Harford County Sheriff's Office learned in October 2004 that Fisher sold drugs. An undercover officer purchased small quantities of cocaine from Fisher on October 21, 24 and October 29. Law enforcement officers searched his home on November 16, recovering four handguns, almost 700 rounds of ammunition, 13.8 grams of crack cocaine, 15.8 grams of powder cocaine, and a bullet-proof vest. Fisher stated that he needed the firearms and body armor to protect his drug business. He also admitted that he owned an Uzi semi-automatic that he used in September 2004 in an exchange of gunfire with a Baltimore drug dealer in a dispute over the purchase of a kilo of cocaine.

Fisher had previously been convicted in various state courts on felony criminal charges.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Harford County Sheriff's Office for their investigative work in this case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney Jefferson M. Gray, who prosecuted the case.